REMARKS

The Office Action of December 2, 2004 has been carefully considered. Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested. Claims 1 – 11, 13 – 17, and 21 are pending in this application. Of these, claims 1 and 21 are independent. In this Amendment, claims 1, 3, 10 have been amended, claims 12, 18 - 20 have been cancelled, without prejudice, and no claims have been added.

Corrections to the Specification

The changes to the Specification are made to correct minor typographical errors. No new matter is added.

Changes to the Claims

Claims 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 10 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b). However, Claim 12 was indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the additional limitations of Claim 12 and is now equivalent to the previous Claim 12 including all the limitations of the base Claim 1. There were no intervening Claims. It is therefore believed that Claim 1 is now in a condition for allowance.
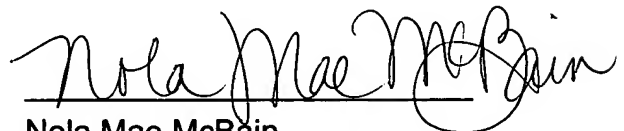
Insofar as Claims 2 – 11 and 13 – 17, inclusive, are concerned, these claims all include the limitations of and depend from now presumably allowable amended Claim 1 and are also believed to be in allowable condition for the reasons hereinbefore discussed with regard to Claim 1.

Fee Authorization And Extension Of Time Statement

A 3 month extension of time fee is believed to be required for this amendment. The undersigned Xerox Corporation attorney (or agent) hereby authorizes the charging of any necessary fees, other than the issue fee, to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, he/she is hereby authorized to call Nola Mae McBain, at Telephone Number 650-812-4264, Palo Alto, California.

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